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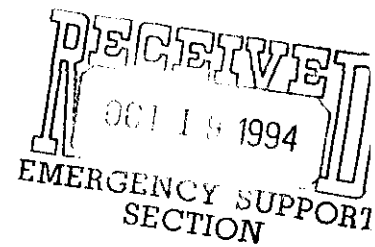
AMERICAN HOME PRODUCTS CORPORATION

FIVE GIRALDA FARMS, MADISON, NEW JERSEY 07940, (201) 660-5000

October 12, 1994

LAW DEPARTMENT

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Re: Conservation Chemical Company of Illinois, Inc.
Gary Indiana

Dear Ms. Beasley:

This letter is written in response to the September 28, 1994 General Notice of Potential Liability regarding the above-referenced site (the "Notice") addressed to American Home Products (for Ekco Housewares Co.).

Pursuant to the request in the Notice for a response from potentially responsible parties, American Home Products is hereby notifying USEPA of its willingness to participate in negotiations with respect to the performance or financing of the activities described in your letter and reimbursement of costs incurred by U.S. EPA to date. Such notification should not be deemed an admission of any liability whatsoever for the costs or performance of response or remedial activities at this site.

Please address all future correspondence regarding this matter to my attention at American Home Products Corporation, Five Giralda Farms, Madison, New Jersey 07940. My telephone number is 201-660-6132.

Very truly yours,

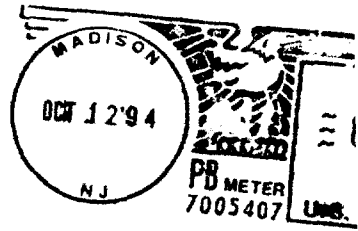

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